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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ECON, EFIN, GW  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED \$30 BILLION BOOST TO U.S. ECONOMY --  
QUERIES AND COMMENTS

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM THE  
CHANCELLERY, PRESUMABLY AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHANCELLOR,  
FOR INFORMATION AND DETAILS CONCERNING THE \$30 BILLION  
PROGRAM OF TAX CUTS AND JOB AND PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMS  
PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT-ELECT JIMMY CARTER JANUARY 7.  
SPECIFICALLY CITED AS BEING OF INTEREST WAS THE NATURE  
OF THE INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS MENTIONED  
IN THE PRESS STORIES AND THE USIA-IPS STORY ON THE  
SUBJECT.

2. WHILE THE IPS STORY COVERED IN THE USIS WIRELESS  
FILE DATED JANUARY 7 WAS QUITE HELPFUL, THIS SUBJECT  
CANNOT BE OVER-REPORTED IN SO FAR AS BONN IS CONCERNED.  
THE DEGREE OF INTEREST IN THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, NOT  
ONLY IN THE CHANCELLERY, BUT ALSO IN THE MINISTRIES, IS

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EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH. THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE  
WHATEVER CAN BE DONE ON THE PART OF THE WASHINGTON  
AGENCIES TO ASSIST US IN MAKING A RESPONSE.

3. THE FRG PRESS SPOKESMAN REFERRED TO THE SUBJECT  
JANUARY 10 AS FOLLOWS:

"WE HAVE NOT YET ANALYZED THE (CARTER) PROGRAM WITH THE CARE IT DESERVES. IN ANY CASE, THE EXTENT IS IMPRESSIVE AND THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS MOVING IS VERY SATISFACTORY. IN THIS CONTEXT, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR, IN THE GOVERNMENT DECLARATION, HAS ANNOUNCED A LONGER-TERM INVESTMENT PROGRAM DESIGNED TO REMOVE SHORTCOMINGS IN THE FIELD OF INFRASTRUCTURE. AS FAR AS TARGET-SETTING IS CONCERNED, THIS IS NOT QUITE IDENTICAL (WITH THE PROPOSED U.S. PROGRAM); HOWEVER, THIS PROGRAM WHICH THE CHANCELLOR HAS ANNOUNCED WILL -- WHEN IT WILL BE INITIATED -- ALSO HAVE AN EMPLOYMENT EFFECT. TO THAT EXTENT, THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION AND THOUGHTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE MOVING IN THE SAME DIRECTION."  
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